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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Specification

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hunter et al (US 6,862,739). As per claim 1, Hunter et al shows in figure 1 a storage case 10 that is formed of a body 22 of the storage case 10 and a lid 12 so that the lid 12 is openable/closable with respect to the body 22 of the storage case 10. In the body 22 of which an information recording medium 30 is to be stored in a medium storage section, the storage case 10 includes a storage state determining section that allows the presence or absence of the information recording medium 30 to be identified based on the rising or setting of a projection piece 16,18,26 & 28.

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As per claim 2, Hunter et al shows in figure 5, for example, the storage state determining section including a window section 12A" that is a hole provided in the outside of the body 22 of the storage case 10. A movable section is "turnably" supported in the body 22 of the storage case 10 and has a contact piece formed at its front end on the medium storage section side and a projection piece 16,18,26 & 28 formed at its front end on the window section 12A" side.

Inherent in Hunter et al is a urging section for resiliently urging the contact piece of the movable section to position on the medium storage section side. The information recording medium 30 is taken out of the medium storage section. The contact piece of the movable section resiliently urged by the urging section enters the medium storage section and simultaneously the projection piece 26 & 28 projects through the window section 12A". The information recording medium 30 is put into the medium storage section. The contact piece of the movable section is pushed out by the information ecording medium 30 and simultaneously the projection piece 26 & 28 is pulled in through the window section 12A".

As per claim 3, Hunter et al shows in figure 6 a rotating shaft 62 pivoted to the movable section so that the length from the rotating shaft 62 to the contact piece is less than that from the rotating shaft to the projection piece 16,18,26 & 28. Also shown in figure 6 is that the moving amount of the projection piece 16,18,26 & 28 is arranged to increase in proportion to the moving amount of the contact piece.

As per claim 4, Hunter et al shows in figures 1 and 5 the window section 12A" provided in a side surface of the body 22 of the storage case 10, on the side of the opening portion between the body 22 of the storage case 10 and the lid 12. As per claim 5, Hunter et al shows in figures 1 and 5 the window section 12A" provided in the side surface of the body 22 of the

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storage case 10, on the side of the turning portion between the body 22 of the storage case 10 and the lid 12.

Conclusion

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